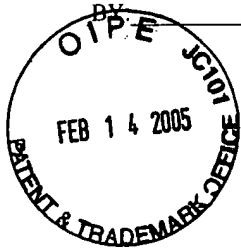


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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a three (3) month extension of time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Final Office Action to and through February 11, 2005.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Prosecution filed concomitantly herewith.